

**Remarks/Arguments:**

**Objections to the Specification**

The following comments correspond to the lettered paragraphs in the Office Action of April 4, 2003. With respect to the objections to the specification the following amendments have been made.

- A. The new rose plant has been briefly contrasted with its parents.
- B and C. Successful propagation has been amended to read "succeeding propagations." The rootstock used for budding has been indicated.
- D. The specification has been amended to indicate that the Genus/species designation is "*Rosa hybrida*".
- E. The specification has been amended to more clearly define the length of the sepals.
- F. The specification has been amended to more clearly define the petals.
- G. The specification has been amended to define the physical characteristics of the hips.
- H. The specification has been amended to indicate that the upper surface of the foliage is glossy.
- I. The specification has been amended to indicate that there was no opportunity to observe resistance to rust.
- J. The specification has been amended to indicate that the American Rose Society color classification is dark red and to the color of the upper and lower surfaces of the petals.
- K. The "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ILLUSTRATION" has been amended to indicate what is illustrated.

**Objection to the Figure**

Two copies of a replacement Figure are enclosed. No amendments have been made to the Figure.